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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

This Response is submitted in reply to the Office Action dated December 11, 2001. In view of the following amendments and response, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims

Please cancel claim 47 without prejudice.

Please amend claims 22, 46 and 48 as follows:

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22. (Amended) A method for reducing exercise induced pulmonary hemorrhage in a horse, said method comprising a step of applying a force to an exterior surface of a first and second lateral vestibular wall overlying a first and second nasal passage of a horse, said applied force being directed away from said first and

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Sir:

We are transmitting herewith the attached:

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- Amendment Including Version With Markings To Show Changes Made
- Check(s) in the amount of \$42.00 for Additional Claims
- Return postcard

Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers or any future reply, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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